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OTHER CASES CONTINUED OR SCHEDULED FOR TRIAL AT A LATER DATE

Wambles' sentence totals 35 years

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

The Criminal Jury Docket, Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division was called on Friday, April 19, and only one case was scheduled for trial on Tuesday, April 23, at 9:00 a.m. Originally, the docket had 28 cases involving 18 individuals set to be heard; however, after the call of the docket only Mickey Gene Wambles' case was set for trial.

Before the trial began, Wambles plead guilty to reduced charges which were a result of a standoff with law enforcement in 1995. Originally, Wambles, 38, was charged with first-degree burglary and two counts of attempted murder. He had burglarized a mobile home at the Mustard Seed Christian Fellowship Foundation in the Victory Community. Wambles had gone to the facility looking for his estranged wife and children who were staying in the organization's shelter. Officers were called to the scene

and Wambles held them at bay for more than 24 hours. While he was held up in the trailer, he fired shots at two state troopers.

In court, last week, Wambles plead guilty to the lesser charges of burglary in the second degree and two counts of attempted assault in the first degree. The district attorney's office, state troopers and Wambles' estranged wife agreed to the agreement.

Wambles was sentenced to 15 years on the burglary charge and 10 years on each attempted assault charge for a total of 35 years. He was ordered to pay court costs, attorneys' fees, and \$200 to the Alabama Crime Victims' Compensation Fund (CVCC).

Wambles also agreed to substance abuse and psychiatric counseling while in prison.

Judge Gary McAliley credited Wambles with the 345 days he had already served in the Coffee County Jail.

The Owen Ziglar trial was originally set for this special term of court; however, upon a motion by the defense attorneys, a continuance was granted. The trial has been rescheduled for Monday, May 6.

Ziglar is charged with manslaughter in the shooting death of Edward Kelley.

The following is a list of the cases that were set for trial and the results of the "docket call."

State of Alabama
Vs
William Allen Marx

The defendant is charged with two counts of receiving stolen property in the first degree. His case was continued to October 4, 1996.

State of Alabama
Vs
Christopher Nelson

Nelson is charged with rape in the first degree. Reset for trial on May 30, 1996.

State of Alabama
Vs
Joseph E. Stutzman

The defendant is charged with menacing. Trial date set for April 24th.

State of Alabama
Vs
Robert Christopher Bigger

He is charged with assault in the third degree. Case remanded to District Court.

State of Alabama
Vs
Rudolph Kyles

The defendant is charged with assault in the second degree. Continuance granted.

State of Alabama
Vs
Alex Thomas

Alias "Toby"

Thomas was charged with discharging a firearm into an occupied building. Plead guilty - sentenced to 10 years in prison - given credit for time served - suspended remainder of sentence with 3 years supervised probation. He also was order to pay court costs, restitution and CVCC.

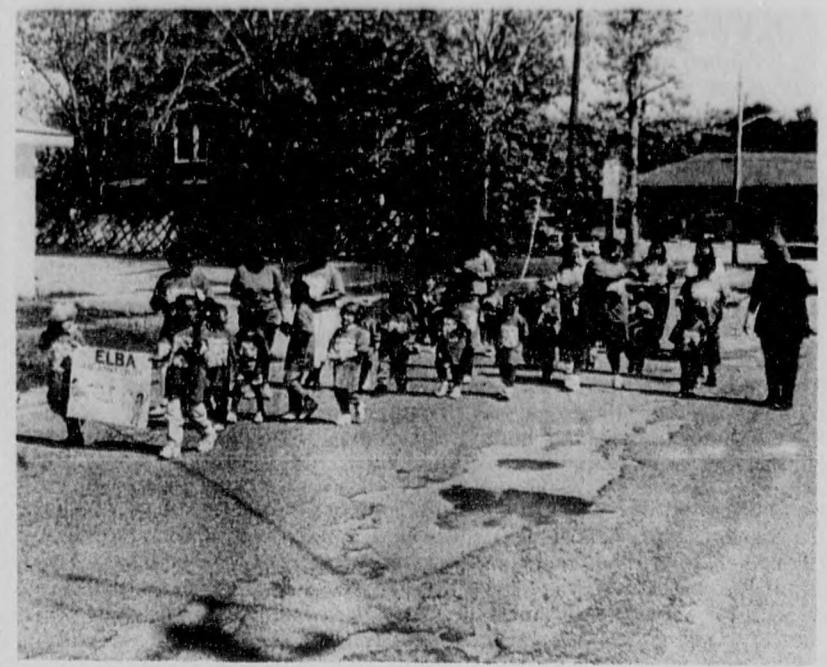
State of Alabama
Vs
Dennis Harper, Jr.

He is charged with rape in the first degree. Trial rescheduled for October 7, 1996.

State of Alabama
Vs
Eddie Ray James, Jr.

He is charged with theft in the third degree (by deception); two counts of forgery in the second degree, and two counts of possession of a forged instrument in the second degree. Disposition of case unavailable.

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WEEK OF THE CHILD... The children from Elba Head Start celebrated the Week of the Young Child, April 22-26, by marching around the square in downtown Elba. They are pictured above as they were escorted by two police cars with sirens blaring and lights flashing. The week was filled with activities calling attention to the need for high quality early childhood services for all children and families within the community.

PROPERTY TO BE TRANSFERRED TO INDUSTRIAL BOARD

Elba City Council holds special session

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met in special session Tuesday evening to help the industrial prospect the Board was working with, "time is of the essence."

Council member Ben Carpenter was late and Council member Earl McCollough was absent. Carpenter indicated he agreed with the actions taken.

Mayor Ricky Haywood explained the purpose of the meeting. He said he had met with Eddie Kelley, chairman of the Industrial Board and to help the industrial prospect the Board was working with, "time is of the essence."

"Here is an opportunity to do something positive with one of the buildings which has been just sitting there since the flood of 1990."

Haywood recommended the council take the necessary actions to

transfer the property to the Industrial Board. The building and 9.381 acres of land are included in the transfer.

The mayor presented two motions he said City Attorney Jeff Kelley had indicated would be necessary.

The first was a motion for immediate consideration, which would have to pass with a unanimous vote of the council members present for it to be effective.

Council member John W. Sharpless made the motion for immediate consideration and it was seconded by council member Gladys Yelverton. It passed unanimously.

The ordinance transferring the property is published in the legal section of *The Elba Clipper* this week.

Eddie Kelley spoke on behalf of the Industrial Board. He said, "We appreciate the special meeting on such a short notice. We have a business."

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Dorsey donates trailer to Red Cross

The Coffee County Chapter of the American Red Cross had a pleasant surprise Monday morning. The organization received a refrigerated van.

In a prepared statement, Dorsey Trailers, Inc., of Atlanta stated that it was pleased to donate a 48 foot refrigerated trailer to the Coffee County Chapter of the American Red Cross to be used in disaster relief efforts.

A spokesperson for Dorsey commented, "The donation of this trailer is an expression of appreciation to the Red cross for its significant aid to Dorsey employees and many others in South Alabama following several natural disasters in recent years. Many people suffered as a result of loss and damage from Hurricane Opal in 1995, and from the 1990

flood that devastated Elba, Alabama, the home of Dorsey's largest manufacturing facility."

Company officials stated, "The American Red Cross was a major source of aid to the community during this great time of need."

"When we were approached to contribute to this organization we could not think of a better gift than one that could be used again and again by the Red Cross."

The company's local plant manager said, "This gift was a result of many people becoming involved from several organizations from across the Southeastern United States. They included Thermo King of Atlanta who serviced the refrigeration unit, J.C.S. Enterprises, also of Atlanta, who serviced the trailer, and a local sign company who furnished

and installed the decals."

It is Dorsey's understanding that this trailer will be one of the few within the Red Cross organization that has refrigerated capabilities. As such, this trailer may be used in other disaster areas across the United States, but will proudly carry the Coffee County Chapter recognition with it.

Jim DuBose enters District One County Commissioner's race

Jim DuBose has announced his candidacy for the office of Coffee County Commissioner, District #1. DuBose served one term as commissioner from the district previously, from 1988 to 1992.

He is presently a Realtor and mobile homes dealer, a certified residential property appraiser and serves on the board of the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning Commission. DuBose also coaches Babe Ruth Baseball.

He noted that many improvements were made during his previous term in office, but much remains to be done. Many of the ideas he dreamed of putting into practice were side tracked due to the devastating flood of 1990.

Dubose advocates a strong highway department, operated with the utmost efficiency. He also believes in tailoring improvement and expansion plans around all available state and federal grants.

A fleet of equipment in excellent working order is a financial benefit to the county, as well as for taxpayer's benefit.

He points to many other additions and improvements during his previous term of office. They include many thousands of dollars in highway grant funds; upgrading of several county roads; efficient management of men and machinery to accomplish the same job with thousands of dollars less fuel; a jail at half the cost of a similar facility in North Alabama and the opening of the Adult Day Care Center.

Dubose advocates wise spending of the tax dollar to avoid any increase and to maximize those taxes which are paid now.

Coffee County needs individual commission members who have ex-



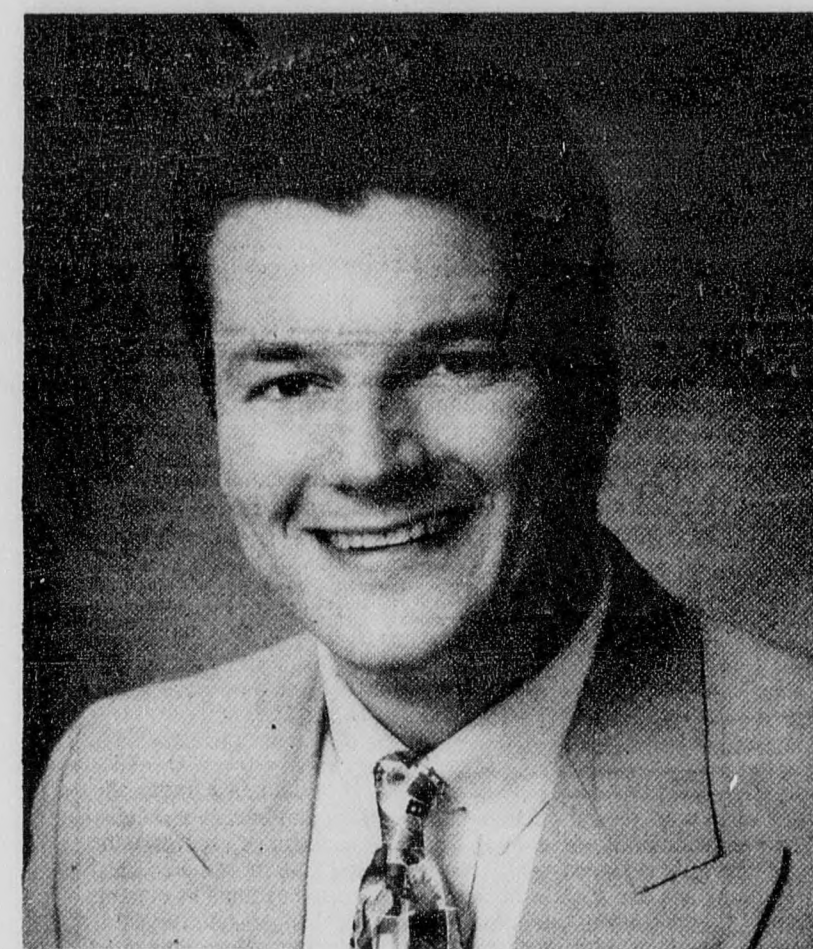
JIM DUBOSE

perience and skill necessary to work with an array of different agencies and levels of government.

He says that as a father, businessman, former commissioner and primarily someone who loves this county, he can supply these qualities.

*** NOTICE ***

The DEADLINE for political candidates to place their formal announcement of candidacy on the front page of *The Elba Clipper* will be the MAY 15th issue. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS MADE!



TV PERSONALITY TO EMCEE PAGEANT... WSPA-TV personality Bill Taylor will be in town Saturday night to emcee the Miss Elba/Junior Miss Elba/Little Miss Elba Pageant. Taylor has been with WSPA-TV in Montgomery for the past three years. He has had the distinction of waking up with most of Central Alabama each and every morning as co-host of the station's "Today in Alabama" show. Bill prides himself in being the "happiest transplanted Yankee in the south." He was born and raised in Paterson, NJ. In 1986, Taylor moved to Southwest Louisiana where he completed a bachelor of science degree in Broadcast Journalism at McNeese State University. He is married to the former Jamie Chisolm.

HAPPENINGS

GRANDPARENTS' DAY. Grandparents of Elba, Thursday (TODAY), May 2, 1996, is 30th special day. There will be tea and refreshments JUST for YOU. It will be held at the Elba Elementary School from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Grandparents will be able to go and see their grandchild in his or her class.

NATIONAL PRAYER DAY. The citizens of Elba are invited to meet at City Hall for the purpose of observing National Prayer Day. This special occasion will be held on Thursday (TODAY), May 2, 1996, from 12:20 p.m. until 12:40 p.m.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC. The Coffee County Health Department will hold a special immunization clinic on Thursday (TODAY), May 2, 1996, 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. No appointment necessary on this date and time only. Open to all ages for all types of immunization. For additional information call (334)347-9574, Ext. 231, Mon. - Fri., 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

MISS ELBA PAGEANT. The Little Miss/Junior Miss/Miss Elba Beauty Pageant, sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 1996, at the Elba High School Auditorium. The Little Miss Pageant will be at 3:00 p.m., with the Junior Miss and Miss Elba Pageant to begin at 7:00 p.m.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING. The New Brockton Town Council will hold its monthly meeting Monday, May 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chamber at city hall.

RELAY FOR LIFE. This year's Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, will be held Friday & Saturday, May 17 & 18, 1996, from 7:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. The event will take place on the athletic field at Enterprise State Junior College. For more information contact LaWanda Grill at 347-0048 or 393-6848.

Ken English seeking District 1 Seat on Coffee County BOE

Citing a need to "return the schools to the people," Ken English has announced that he will seek a position on the Coffee County Board of Education from District 1.

English, a former educator with 14 years of experience teaching and coaching in Alabama and Georgia, including 7 years in Coffee County, received a BS degree from Troy State University and a Masters Degree from Troy State University - Dothan.

He has also done extensive post-graduate studies in administration.

"As a parent of school age children, a former teacher, and a businessman, I am fully aware of the many problems facing education today," said English.

"I have insight into the problems facing the students, parents, teachers, and administration, and believe that with help of the citizens of Coffee County, and District 1, we can work together to make a difference."

"While coaching at Coffee Springs, I inherited a program that was in the midst of the state's longest losing streak in football," stated English, "and through leadership and hard work, the players and coaches turned the program around and earned a spot in the state playoffs."

"I was named coach-of-the-year in both football and baseball, but my real strength was not in actual



KEN ENGLISH

coaching, but in leading and working with others to reach goals that many considered impossible."

English said, "I will use this same dedication and will work with all the citizens of District 1, Coffee County, and fellow members of the school board in making it a winning team."

He feels that the potential breakdown of the teaching/learning environment that is so vital to the entire

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WORTHY

With Ferrin Cox

Our report last week about the death of the legislative bill to eliminate pistol permit requirements seemed correct when it was written, but Representative Garrett Moore somehow pulled magic from his hat and got the bill out of committee last Wednesday on a 11-2 vote. His problem now will be to get it through both the House and the Senate during these last days of the session ... days which are already being described as full of chaos. Moore still champions the bill as "the right to self defense in Alabama."

Cigarettes and young folks. The law says they can't buy them, but hardly anyone believes that, most assuredly the young folks themselves. It was heartwarming late last Friday afternoon to hear an exchange in a neighboring town. Two teenage girls were handing out the windows of their car, yelling to some male youths in a trailing car. The girls had cigarettes going like smokestacks, but indicated they were fast running out of "weeds." They wanted the boys to get some more cigarettes, but the boys said they had been turned down. The response was "try somewhere else." There is little doubt someone, somewhere will sell them some cigarettes, but obviously it is getting a bit harder.

A black church burned last weekend in Florence, South Carolina. This is the third in one state, along with one nearby in North Carolina. Fire officials have said it was arson, mainly because it was reportedly caused by a flammable fluid thrown through a window. A rash of such fires have occurred all across the South in the past couple of years. When the first few happened, we reserved judgement, thinking it just might be coincidental. Now there is no doubt that someone (s) or some group is dedicated to attacks on predominantly black churches. Why? Sorry, someone else will have to figure this one out ... plain ol' hate and stupidity is the only answer which comes from this corner.

A salute goes out to the Elba city government and the Elba Industrial Board. Their actions to help Worth-Ten solve a space problem at home, rather than going somewhere else means jobs for friends and neighbors. The old middle school has sat empty since the March, 1990 flood, in spite of high-powered talk and spurts of nomenclature. Now it appears something will be done with the building and some 25-30 jobs will be created at home. Salute!

Candidates wishing to replace retiring Senator Howell Heflin are making the rounds. The first to corner us, U.S. Representative Glen Browder. He was in Elba for a Democratic Committee meeting several Saturdays ago. This past Saturday Alabama Senator Roger Bedford came bounding in with his broad smile and enthusiasm. His excitement was over poll showings and probably more importantly, his ability to raise campaign funds. Bedford is #1 in the fund raising department thus far in the campaign. Both are Democrats and both have run statewide races.

Katrina Calhoun has announced plans to build a 16 bed retirement home on Taylor Mill Road. This is one of the several community growth items we had been wanting to talk about for several weeks, but the principals were not ready. Now they have the details work out and are getting ready to move some dirt with a goal of before year's end, to have residents occupying the class-a facility! Salute!

Last week the front page carried a story about the city council and terminating the police chief. A number of people have asked the meaning of some of the words in the motion. At first the only answer were, "legal terms," but then the dictionary was opened. These answers are: *Malfeasance* means they think he has done something absolutely unlawful; *Misfeasance* means they think he did what should be done, but did it the wrong way; and *Nonfeasance* means they think he didn't do what he should have done. There have still been no details released, nor hearings set, on the particular details of the termination of police chief Bruce Peacock last week. For the termination to be permanent and entirely legal, such a hearing is required by Alabama law.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Illegitimacy: A Cultural Tragedy

by Sen. Dwight Adams & Duane Higgins

No behavior both reflects and increases the continued level of welfare dependency and government spending on the poor more than illegitimacy. A modern American tragedy where nearly one out of every three children is born to an unmarried woman, illegitimacy has become the slippery slope of childhood poverty and misery.

*A child born to a single mother is nearly six times more likely to live in poverty than a child born to two parents.

*Eighty percent of the increase in welfare in 1995 was caused by family breakdown.

*Based on the most current data available from the National Center on Health Statistics, Alabama ranks 37 in the country in the percent of births to unmarried women.

*The majority of children living on welfare today have "never-married" moms.

*Forty-six percent of families with children headed by single-mothers live below the poverty line, compared with eight percent of those with two parents.

In addition to welfare dependency, illegitimacy places children at great risk for a whole host of social ills and dysfunctions. According to the most recent studies, children raised in families with never-married moms are more likely than children raised in intact, two-parent families to drop out of school, use drugs, get pregnant, commit crimes, end up in jail, and take their own lives.

Illegitimacy is not only a major factor in the likelihood of welfare dependency and social dysfunction, it is often a determinant in the length of stay on welfare. The Urban Institute in Washington, DC calculated that when past, present and future receipt of Aid to Families with Dependent Children are combined, the estimated average length of stay on AFDC among families currently receiving benefits is an astounding 13 years. Add to those years the fact that even after a welfare recipient leaves the AFDC roll, the recipient often remains eligible for other welfare assistance such as Medicaid, food stamps, child care, and housing assistance.

The most troubling fact about illegitimacy, however, is not that it often leads to poverty, but rather the degree to which our culture has accepted out-of-wedlock births as an inevitable part of modern life, and absolved men of their God-given responsibilities to their children. Raising children without dads has become an alternative family lifestyle legitimized by government and underwritten by taxpayer dollars.

Illegitimacy and government welfare have become so entwined that government welfare programs have exacerbated the very problem they seek to address: childhood poverty. For far too many children, welfare's cash benefits have reduced their father to nothing more than a passing stranger. It has enabled men and women to engage in irresponsible behavior and then excused it by limiting the costs of imprudent and immoral choices. While welfare arguably is not the direct cause of illegitimacy, it certainly lessens the consequences. As a result, children suffer.

To truly reduce the suffering of children, welfare reform must be charged to find new ways to promote abstinence education among the young and place greater reliance on the role of fathers in society. When it comes to the welfare of children, paternity should never be in question, and our commitment to intact two-parent families should always be upheld.

As most of you are aware, the rain took over Band Day 1996, and completely washed out our carefully laid plans for a successful fundraiser. Our budget is around \$25,000 a year of which \$10,000 is usually raised at Band Day. All the money raised by the Boosters is spent directly on the Band Program with uniforms, music, instrument repair, and transportation being just a few areas financed solely by the Booster organization. Since this year we fell far short of our goal, we are appealing to our friends and neighbors to help us overcome our shortage.

Many of you have been very generous to us and are truly thankful, without you all our efforts would be useless. For the local merchants who donated items for our auction, the date of May 18 has been chosen for that event. The location will be at the Courthouse Square with all items going on display at 10:00 a.m. with the sale starting at 11:00 a.m. Watch *The Elba Clipper* in coming weeks for details with all the details.

I hope y'all will accept this letter as a thank you from all the Boosters for your support and as an invitation to the auction on May 18.

Sincerely,
Band Booster President

Letter to the Editor:
The USS Saint Paul CA 73 Association will hold its eighth reunion September 1996 in Seattle, Washington.

The organization is trying to contact former crew members. Your help will not only be appreciated by those already located, but also by those former crew members in your area who are unaware of our present existence. For further information please contact: George M. Takis Jr., Secretary, 125 Spalding Drive N.E., Atlanta, GA 30328; (770) 393-3185. Sincerely,
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Elba's General Hospital
Elba General Hospital has the following persons admitted during the time period of April 23 through April 29, 1996.

They were: Hayward Phillips, Wayne Deboer, Valerie Mitchell, Betty Sams, Mike Odum, Bertha Odum, Malinda Jones, Betty Godwin, Jewel Youngblood, Chassee Dease, Tisha Davis, Andrew Bryan, Lee Kelley, Ocie Phillips, Ralph Lowery, Andrea Curry, Ronnie Cooper, Annie Jo Danford, Ladistrich Tyson, Charles Rushing, and James Bradshaw.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Hayward Phillips, Melanice Shipman, Mary Senn, Annie Campbell, Wilbur Taylor, Lois Bostic, Betty Sams, Betty Godwin, Mary Shupless, Mary Blue, Kie Sasser, Robert Watley, Jr., Ethel Abernethy, Susie Fleming, Chassee Dease, Wayne Deboer, Valerie Mitchell, Mike Odum, Adell Quase, Lee Kelley, Willard D. Head, Melinda Jones, Manuel Weeks, Jewel Youngblood, Alexandra Curry, Ricardo Cooks, Ocie Phillips, Annie Jo Danford, Andrew Bryan, and Ronnie Cooper.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Bulletin Board

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ROYALTY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

ELBA MORTUARY ASSN. - Tues. 8:00 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6:15 p.m. City Hall

WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon. 5:15 a.m. - City Hall (after City Council meeting)

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brandon

LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center

ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Sept. Office

AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building

MASONIC LODGE 179 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.

BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri 8-12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brandon @ Farm Center Complex 894

COFFEE COUNTY CO-OPERATIVES ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. - Club House

COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN 3rd Sat. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise

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THURSDAY, APRIL 25 - River stage - 9:05 (6:50 a.m.); Rescue run to Highway Drug (11:19 a.m.); Fire units dispatched to brush fire on Reynolds St. (9:50 p.m.); Alarm at Nassau Equip. (10:01 p.m.).

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 - Disturbance reported in Morrow Village (2:45 a.m.); River stage - 7:08 (6:47 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Addison St. (2:16 p.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of Larkin Road and U.S. Hwy. 84W (3:11 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Cordelia St. (10:36 p.m.).

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 - River stage - 7:00 (6:28 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Old Samson Rd. (1:49 p.m.); Wreck reported in the Big Bear parking lot (3:31 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence in Clark Subdivision (7:25 p.m.).

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 - River stage - 7:81 (6:21 a.m.); Rescue run to Burch's Trailer Court on Martin Luther King Dr. (11:44 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence in the Pine Level Community (6:12 p.m.); Fight reported on Brunson Circle (10:27 p.m.).

MONDAY, APRIL 29 - Rescue run to a residence on Pinckade Dr. (5:16 a.m.); River stage - 7:10 (6:29 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Smith Ave. (9:41 a.m.); Wreck reported on Herman Driggers Drive (3:54 p.m.); Wreck reported on AL Hwy. 87N (5:19 p.m.).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AREA DEATHS

Dear Editor,

I would like to address this letter to the residents of Elba and its surrounding community. WHERE IS OUR PRIDE? One beautiful, sunny afternoon my husband and I decided to clean up the litter along the roadside below our house. While performing this task I will admit that I did get disgusted with, not only the amount of trash (two garbage bags of debris within a 100 yard range), but also with the nonperishable materials that were discarded on the right of way.

Among the debris there were six large bass and a worm box that had been abandoned along the right of way of this state highway. Shame, shame! Any good fisherman would have put the fish back into the water if he wasn't going to eat them. This is a sin to the sport of fishing.

I would like to say to the adults of Elba and Coffee County, WHERE IS YOUR PRIDE? This is not only children that are littering our roadside, but adults driving automobiles.

We have such a short time on this great land the Lord has provided for us to live, why not respect it and HELP KEEP THE ENVIRONMENT CLEAN.

Audrey Smith

Dear Editor,

As most of you are aware, the rain took over Band Day 1996, and completely washed out our carefully laid plans for a successful fundraiser. Our budget is around \$25,000 a year of which \$10,000 is usually raised at Band Day. All the money raised by the Boosters is spent directly on the Band Program with uniforms, music, instrument repair, and transportation being just a few areas financed solely by the Booster organization. Since this year we fell far short of our goal, we are appealing to our friends and neighbors to help us overcome our shortage.

Many of you have been very generous to us and are truly thankful, without you all our efforts would be useless. For the local merchants who donated items for our auction, the date of May 18 has been chosen for that event. The location will be at the Courthouse Square with all items going on display at 10:00 a.m. with the sale starting at 11:00 a.m. Watch *The Elba Clipper* in coming weeks for details with all the details.

I hope y'all will accept this letter as a thank you from all the Boosters for your support and as an invitation to the auction on May 18.

Sincerely,
Band Booster President

Letter to the Editor:
The USS Saint Paul CA 73 Association will hold its eighth reunion September 1996 in Seattle, Washington.

The organization is trying to contact former crew members. Your help will not only be appreciated by those already located, but also by those former crew members in your area who are unaware of our present existence. For further information please contact: George M. Takis Jr., Secretary, 125 Spalding Drive N.E., Atlanta, GA 30328; (770) 393-3185. Sincerely,
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Pictured above is a sample of the debris picked up by Mrs. Smith and her husband along the roadside near their home.

Dear Editor:

One of the most important pieces of legislation to be placed before the Alabama Legislature in recent years is waiting for action in the State Senate. Approved, a very small portion of the State's sales tax receipts will be dedicated to restoring Alabama's state parks to first class condition over the next six years at an estimated cost of \$55 million. Equally important, this legislation will provide a permanent source of revenue to maintain our state parks after they have been completely renovated so that they will never again fall into the state of disrepair they are in today. The beauty of this proposal is that it generates this badly-needed revenue without raising anyone's taxes!

House Bill 896, sponsored by Rep. Steve McMillan of Bay Minette, proposes to cap the collection allowance, or discount, businesses receive in exchange for collecting, accounting for, and remitting each month to the Revenue Department the State's sales taxes paid by their customers at a maximum amount of \$900 per month. The Legislature's Fiscal Office has indicated that less than one percent of the businesses that file monthly sales tax returns with the Revenue Department will be affected—233 large, mostly out-of-state, corporations. In fact, just one of these companies retained more than \$5 million last year alone out of the State's sales tax receipts.

This bill sailed through the House of Representatives by a vote of 85-6 for two basic reasons. First, the members of the House knew that something had to be done, and done now, to redress the years of underfunding and resultant deterioration in our state park facilities. Secondly, they recognized that Alabama's sales tax discount is far too generous when compared to those in our neighboring states. To illustrate, Florida caps its annual discount at \$360, Mississippi and Tennessee cap their annual discount at \$600, and South Carolina caps its annual discount at \$3,000. The annual discount authorized under House Bill 896 will still be a very generous \$10,000, exceeded only by Georgia's which remains uncapped. I remember, this amount protects the discounts retained by the thousands of small and medium-sized retailers who operate in Alabama.

There is no heavier burden than a great opportunity, and both the burden and the opportunity now rest with the State Senate. Unfortunately, the time remaining in the current legislative session—though sufficient

I want to express my sincere appreciation and thanks for their honor and included on this special occasion. So many times the ones that work behind the scenes are forgotten. I am very privileged to be employed in my hometown.

Sincerely,
Tina Morgan
Secretary
City of Elba

I am encouraging all the former Miss Elbas, and the current Miss Elbas to attend the pageant. We will have special seating for them and will recognize them during the pageant. Please call the chamber office at 897-3125 if you will be attending, or tell us at the door when you enter.

Social & Community Happenings

Miss Snyder & Mr. Marler plan June wedding



Miss Snyder

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Cain Reunion to be held Sunday, May 26th

The Cain Reunion will be held May 26, 1996 at Pleasant Ridge Church.

Cousins Reunion to be held Saturday, May 18th

The Bruce and Emma Page Donaldson, William (Bill) and Mary Ann Clark's annual Cousins' Reunion will be held Saturday, May 18 at Gran's Restaurant in Enterprise. Relatives and friends are urged to meet at 11:00 a.m. in the Reserved Room and enjoy the meal and fellowship.

Mustard Seed Foundation News

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Snyder of Goshen announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne, to Kenneth Ray Marler, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Donnie Marler of Jack.

Suzanne is the granddaughter of Mrs. Mollie J. Messick and the late Mr. James R. Messick of Troy and the late Mr. and Mrs. Pugh Snyder of Goshen. She is a graduate of Goshen High School.

Kenneth is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ellen Bryan and the late Alcus Bryan and Mrs. Maurine Marler and Mr. Alton B. Marler, all of Elba. He is a graduate of Zion Chapel High School and Troy State University and is employed with Pitkin Foods of Brundidge.

The wedding will be June 15 at 6:00 p.m. at Dorcas Baptist Church in the Chestnut Grove Community of Jack.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Laura Cirone to be recognized in Mobile

Laura Cirone, the daughter of Emil and Cynthia Cirone, and granddaughter of Bob and Sybil Hahn will be recognized at the 1996 State A.C.T. Recognition Ceremony on June 1, 1996. Laura was invited by Duke University to participate in the 1995-96 Talent Search program this year. Students who rank in the top 3% nationally, based on sixth grade achievement test scores, can participate in this program. Laura, who is only 10 years old, took the A.C.T. which is designed for college-bound high school juniors, in December at Enterprise State Junior College. Laura's score of 21 placed her in the top 9% of the 18,000 Talent Search students who were assessed this year. The recognition ceremony for the Alabama participants with top scores will be held at the Alabama School of Math and Science in Mobile.

Laura is currently living in Elba. She attends the Enterprise Christian Academy, where her mother is a teacher. However, Laura has been accepted to an exclusive, blue-ribbon high school in New York. As a freshman at this all-girls school next fall, Laura will major in science. Mr. Cirone accepted a position on Long Island earlier this year. The rest of the family will join him there in June.

Clark Reunion planned for May 5th

The Clark Reunion will be May 5th at Bethany Church, Hwy. 84 West, Elba. All relatives and friends are invited to attend.



Amelia Rebecca Jones, nine years old of Enterprise, has been selected as a finalist from the state of Alabama in Arista's Calendar Model Search. Amelia will be competing with finalists from across the United States. 12 winners will be selected to appear in Arista's 1997 Kids Calendar. Arista will also be selecting 50 runners-up that will take the place of the winners in the event that they cannot participate in the photoshoot. Winners will appear in Arista's new line of calendars, and will be awarded \$25,000 in cash and prizes including a Disney World vacation package and gift certificates for Toys 'R Us and Baby Gap Kids stores. Winners will participate in a professional calendar photoshoot at the expense of Arista. Judging will be based upon a photographic personality and photographic potential of previously submitted photos.

Amelia's photos, along with her sister Ashlyn's and brother Aaron's, were shot by her mother, an avid photographer, who has won several photogenic awards in local and state competitions.

Amelia is the daughter of Lee Jones and Lia and Kerry Rester of Enterprise and the granddaughter of Charlie and Jane Jones of Enterprise, and Densby and Sylvia Lowery of Troy.

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Mr. Martin & Miss Mullins

Mullins-Marler wedding to be held June 1st

Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Mullins of Headland, announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Michelle, to Joseph Travis Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth T. Martin of Kinston.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Lee and of Doris Mullins and the late Murley Mullins, all of Headland.

Miss Mullins is a 1991 graduate of Headland High School and a 1995 graduate of Troy State University, received a bachelor of science degree in nursing and is currently employed at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

The wedding is planned for June 1, 1996, at 11:00 a.m. at the Headland United Methodist Church.



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Round & About With Eria 897-2006

Scripture: Galatians 4:21-31.

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Examples

Education does not mean teaching people what they do not know. It means teaching them to believe as they do not believe. It is not teaching the youth the shapes of letters and the tricks of numbers, and then leaving them to turn their arithmetic to roguery, and their literature to lust. It means, on the contrary, training them into the perfect exercise and kindly continence of their bodies and souls. It is a painful, continual and difficult work to be done by kindness, by watching, by warning, by precept, and by praise, but above all by example.

John Ruskin

City Wide Workshop
Rehearsal: May 6-9, at Opp Head Start beginning at 6:30 each night.
Concert: May 11 at Opp Middle School on Hwy. 84 West, at 6:30 p.m.

Registration fee: \$3.00
Contact the following for more information: Chris Austin at 493-3181 or 493-4649; Roderick Rix at 897-3751; Sophia Caldwell at 493-3418; or Paul Culver at 897-6778.

Spring Revival
Spring Revival will be held at Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church of Elba, AL, Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor, May 1-3, 1996 at 7:00 nightly. Evangelist for the three nights will be Rev. Peter Carter, associate pastor of the Oak Grove Baptist Church of Troy, AL.

Concert
The Music Department of St. Beulah Baptist Church, 121 South Carroll Street of Enterprise, AL, presents the George Washington Carver High School Choir and Choral Ensemble of Montgomery, Alabama in concert on Sunday, May 5, 1996 at 5:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Church Anniversaries
Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church of New Brockton, AL, will celebrate its church anniversary on Sunday, May 12, 1996 at 3:00 p.m. Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor of Rocky Head MB Church of Elba, AL and Shiloh Baptist Church of Tarentum, AL, will be the guest speaker. Rev. Murray Powell is pastor of Greater Springfield.

Today is a good day. Be grateful.
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Senior Citizens Day will be Sunday, May 12, at Mt. Calvary

Senior Citizens Day will be held Sunday, May 12, 1996 at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, beginning after Sunday School. Rev. Parks, pastor, will be the speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.

DEADLINE FOR CHURCH NEWS IS MONDAY!!!!

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Johnny Padellaro
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J.J. Hawley
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BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
A.O. Martz
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Church Training - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. - 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
E.L. Hill
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 12:00 noon
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Faron Golden
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Church Training - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. - 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Donnie Marler
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Church Training - 11:00 a.m.
Even. Serv. - 6:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bill Beck, Minister
Bible Study - 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship - 10:00 a.m.
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Wed. Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.
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PASTOR'S CORNER

By Martin Gray
Music & Youth Director
Elba First Baptist Church

The Cathedrals of Great Britain

They rise from the ground as massive reminders of the exuberance of man in his efforts to please and even portray God. Their interiors are stony and cavernous. Each morsel of sound is transformed into a feast of reverberation as it ping-pongs around the room. Their architecture is described by such nomenclature as flying buttresses, gothic arches, rotores, nave, transept, and chancel. They tower over small villages and large metropolises. They bear formidable names like York Minster, Salisbury, Canterbury, St. Paul's, and Westminster Abbey. They are the cathedrals of Great Britain.

Today they stand as a testament to a bygone era that linked faith and craftsmanship. Now the drives that step off tour buses to sneak snapshots and gawk at their splendor far outnumber those who come in solid faith, to seek wisdom, to worship. I cannot be too cynical at this point, for my own feet have tread through these hallowed sanctuaries more times out of curiosity than out of reverence. I have stood and looked at these wonders of stone and glass and wood and wondered might the expenditure of energy and resource on such an opulent house of worship. To what point? Are they monuments to God or man? I'm still not sure of the answer to my muse, but I must confess a particular experience that gave me new insight to the mystery of the great cathedrals.

It was an early Sunday morning in London. My wife and I had made the journey of several blocks from our hotel to Westminster Abbey where we would participate in morning worship services. The first service would be the Service of the Word, the "preaching" service for you and me. The service to follow would be the morning Eucharist or communion. We arrived early and had a prime seat between the choir and the altar. We now were seated as worshippers in this huge historical structure that we had visited as tourists on the day before.

The two services moved forward with great pomp and a mystical sense of awe that came partly from the Anglican liturgy and partly from the newness of the experience. After a couple of hours, we finally arrived at the moment when the priest would break the bread and bring the cup in observance of the Passion of our Lord. Some nervousness came over me as I realized that to partake of communion I would have to go to the altar with ten or twelve others and kneel before the entire congregation. My concern was heightened as I watched the communion cup being shared by each participant with what seemed little regard for hygiene. The mix of awe, anticipation, and anxiety was almost numbing.

Finally, my row was escorted to the front where we came face to face with the priest and his assistant. The bread was passed first. No big deal. Everybody took a piece and prayed and ate at will. But then came the cup. The priest processed down the line as each worshiper whispered a prayer and took a sip. I could feel the eyes of the congregation watching every dip and bend of the silver chalice. As the cup came my way my focus was turned from germs and self-consciousness to the absolute awe of the moment. In an instant it all made sense. What I had for days viewed as overblown noise now served as a magnificent canopy under which I would sip from the cup that Christ had prepared for me. The price of my surroundings became dwarfed by the priceless gift of His love for one poor, struggling worshiper. The moment was not about me. The building was not about me. It was all about God, all about His indulgent grace that gave far beyond reasonable measure so that I could be called His child.

How many times have you heard it? "Christ would have died for you alone if you had been the only person in need of grace." Somehow that crisp London morning those words had more meaning than ever before. I hope your feet and mine will tread the halls of a few more cathedrals in our time. I know that we will have ample opportunity to break the bread and drink the cup in remembrance of our Lord. May God grant us a greater understanding in doing both of His opulent, indulgent, amazing grace!

Homecoming to be observed at Shepherd's Fold Church of God

Shepherd's Fold Church of God, located across from Dorsey Trailers on Hwy. 84, will be observing homecoming this Sunday, May 5th. Sunday school will begin at 10:00 a.m. The morning worship service will be at 11:00 a.m. The speaker will be Rev. Ervin Dean of Kinston.

A covered dish lunch will be served at noon. A gospel sing will be held at 2:00 p.m., featuring local talent. Pastor Lamar Dean invites everyone to this service.

NOTE OF THANKS

The family of **MAN PRESTON** DEAL, extended our prayers and thanks to our many friends for every act of kindness shown in our time of sorrow and the death of this precious son. We will always remember each of you.

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Homecoming '96 celebration to be held at First Assembly of God in Enterprise

Homecoming '96 for the Enterprise First Assembly of God will be held Sunday, May 5. The church is located on the 84 by-pass across from Wal-Mart. The special guest speaker will be Rev. Vaudie Lamm. Pastor Hollis Bradley extends an invitation to everyone to attend this special service. A nursery will be provided. For more information contact the church office at 347-8447.

Victoria Baptist Church to celebrate Homecoming May 5th

Homecoming for Victoria Baptist Church will be held May 5, 1996. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. followed by worship service at 11:00. There will be a dinner at the ground. Bro. Ben Amlog, pastor, invites everyone to attend.

Gospel Sing to be held at Mustard Seed Foundation

A gospel sing will be held at the Mustard Seed Foundation Church on May 18, 1996 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The featured group will be the Good News Singers. Everyone is invited to attend. The foundation is located on Coffee County Road #211.

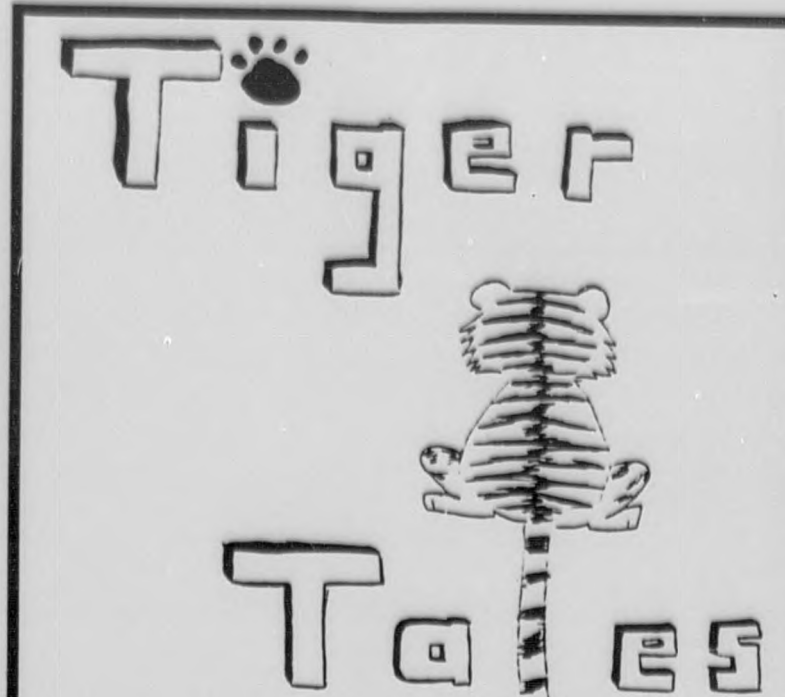
Haw Hill Assembly of God to have Gospel Sing

A singing will be held at Haw Hill Assembly of God Church on May 4, 1996 at 7:00

Co-Op Spotlight



by **Marsha Tillis & Jarrod Adkison**
Senior Karen Schindler, a co-op student at EHS, is employed by Propene Gas and Appliance Co., Inc. Her supervisor is Helen Tindol. Karen's duties include filing and typing. Her work hours are 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Karen began working at Propene Gas and Appliance Co., Inc. on August 21, 1995. When asked about her job Karen replied, "I enjoy the people I work for. It is a great learning experience dealing with people every day."



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Pictured above (l-r) are: front row - Kim Ward and Anna Maddox; back row - Justin Maddox and Mica Fanning.

National Library Week Observed

by **Anna Stokes**
"A book is like a garden carried in the pocket." This ancient Chinese proverb remains true today thanks to the millions of libraries around the world. Quite often, the many services that libraries provide are overlooked; however, there is one week of the year designated to honor libraries and publicize their role in our community. Each year, the third week in April is recognized as National Library Week. During this time, many libraries host special events such as author sessions with authors, book sales, or an armistice time where late books can be returned without over-due charges. These gestures are a way to thank readers for their support.

On April 14-20, 1996, Elba High School celebrated National Library Week with the help of Mrs. Calhoun and Mrs. McCollough. On Tuesday, April 16, these librarians served refreshments to all EHS staff members as a way to thank teachers and encourage continuous use of the library. These efforts were greatly appreciated by all and will be remembered throughout the year.

Elba's Band Day Activities Canceled

The Elba Band Day that was scheduled for April 13 was canceled due to weather. However the band did raise around \$6000.00 from donations and the sale of barbecue plates. The planned auction will be rescheduled to a future date and the painting will be given away on the same night. The Elba Band and Mark Wicker, Amanda Campbell turned in \$104.20 and won a sports bag and a boom box. All students who participated received a certificate.



Pictured above are the juniors who participated in the magazine sales wearing their junior t-shirts.

EHS Lady Golfers In Sectional Tournament

Last year Elba High School ventured into new territory by starting a girls' golf team. Although there have not been other girls in our area for the EHS girls to compete with in matches throughout the golf season, they were fortunate enough to make a trip to Fairhope, Alabama to compete in the sectional golf tournament. The team was led by Jill Martin, Mandy Taylor, and Angie Parrish. Jill finished 23rd out of 54 girls with a 18-hole total of 111. Mandy finished with 118, and Angie

TSUD Graduate Honor & Dean's Lists

Troy State University Dothan Interim President Dr. Doug Patterson has named students to the 1996 Winter Quarter President's Graduate Honor List. To qualify for this academic honor, a graduate student must receive a grade point average of 4.0 (all A's) on a minimum of 10 quarter hours of course work. Jennifer J. Sanders of Kinston, AL, was among the honorees. Dr. Frank Lovrich, vice president for academic affairs, has named students to the Dean's List for the 1996 Winter Quarter at Troy State University Dothan. Undergraduate students receiving this honor must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.66 on a 4.0 scale for 12 or more credit hours. Michelle L. Grimes of Elba, was among the honored students.

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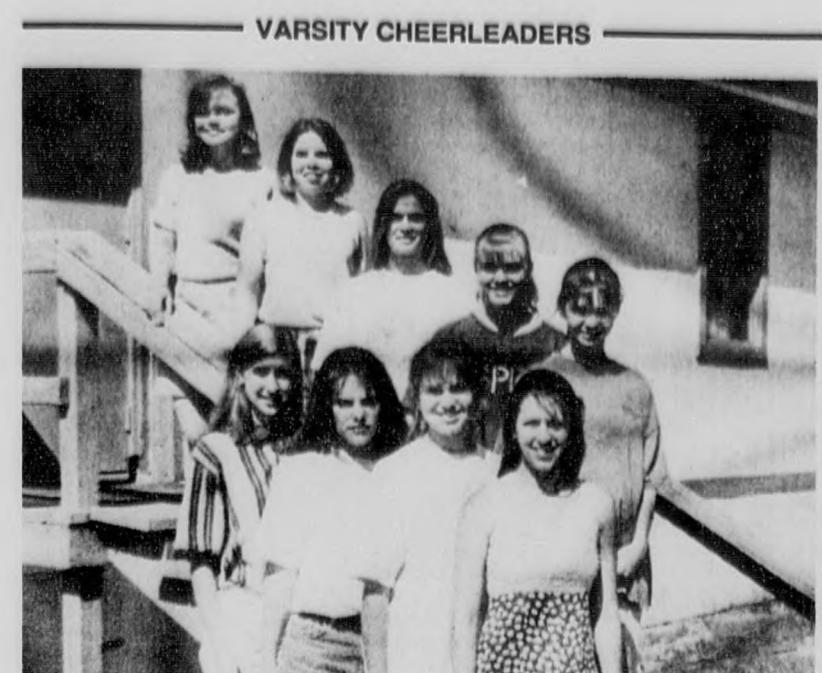
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Cheerleader Tryouts Held

by **Heather Davis**
Zion Chapel held tryouts for Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheerleaders on April 24, 1996. There were nine girls who made the squad. They started practice Tuesday 16 at 3:30 in the gym. A cheerleader from Troy state taught individual cheers, a group cheer, and a chant. The candidates also had to learn "Disco" which is the fight song. Candidates for Junior Varsity Cheerleader



Pictured above are (l-r): front row - Tina Johnson, Vanessa McCrany, Amanda Ellis, and Wyndi Rugg; back row - Suzanna Stinson, Bridget Money, Courtney Moran, Kendra Ward, and Samon Simmons

JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS



Pictured above are (l-r): Stacey Cape, Rebecca Ward, Kristy Hall, Kayla Eddins, and Katie Sanders. Sarah Maddox was unavailable for picture.

Grades 3 Thru 11 Take SAT

by **Hanna Whit**
Students in grades 3-11 at Zion Chapel, as well as students throughout the State of Alabama, were given the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT) during the month of April. The tests were mandated by the governor. The tests were given to determine what students have learned. The test that was given to students this year was kept under lock and key because it was the first time the test was used. The teachers were not allowed to view the test or help the students during the time the tests were given. The SAT was given to the students in Alabama last year after Governor James took office. The SAT's are very important because they determine if students are learning at the level they should be. The tests also determine if classes with low scores will be taught by state instruction. The test scores of the eleventh grade at Zion Chapel will be looked at very closely by the state and the superintendent's office. The reason for such close monitoring is the fact that the juniors did so poorly on the Alabama Exit Exam or the Graduation Exam. The test scores for these students will be looked at closely to determine if they are capable of retaining what they learn.

The SAT was not the only test given to students during the month of April. Students were also given the OLSAT, Non-School Ability Test or the OLSAT. This test shows what the student is capable of knowing and doing.

Sign Going Up

by **Shane Parrish**
The school sign is going up quickly. As long as the rain stays away, the sign will be up in time for the new school year. The sign will be used for any announcements to the public the school needs to make such as P.T.O. meetings and football game dates. A few weeks ago Zion Chapel got a shipment of bricks, sand, mortar, and concrete mix for the sign. The sign consists of red bricks and mortar so far. One of the four walls is almost finished. There will be four brick walls and a brick wall in the center holding the actual sign.

Work will continue through the end of the school year. Hopefully the sign will be finished in time for the start of the 1996-97 school year. The sign building department is building the sign with the help of the instructor Mr. John McCrory, FFA, FBLA, and Beta Club are all contributing to the financing of construction.

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Band Holds Awards Banquet

by **Tasha Cooper**
Celeste Richards, band captain, welcomed the guests to the annual band banquet. Mr. Paul Nelson gave the invocation and everyone began the meal after which Mrs. Pat Cape presented the band council for this year and last year. Mr. Gary C. Rudolph, band director, introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Amanda Ford, who is the director of the bands at Daleville High School. She won national recognition for developing one of the most outstanding bands in the country. In addition to many first ratings in marching and concert competitions,

D.A.R.E. Role Model

by **Shay Nelson**
Deputy Donnie Farris, the local D.A.R.E. Officer from the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, ask for three seniors from Zion Chapel to serve as the D.A.R.E. Role Models. These three seniors are Shane Bragg, Susan Bryan, and Shay Nelson. They were chosen by principal, Dr. Linda Ingram, and the high school guidance counselor Pat Taylor. Deputy Farris asked Shane, Susan, and Shay to talk to the fifth graders at Zion Chapel Elementary. The fifth graders were told to ask questions about drugs and possible drug experiences. Some of the questions asked were "Have you ever been offered drugs?", "Do you know anyone who takes drugs?", and "How did you say no to drugs?" Deputy Farris also explained drugs are classified in three categories: alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana.

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High School Students Sew Banners

by **Chris Branhaw**
Learning how to sew has been the lesson taught by Ms. Joan Hobbs during her third period Home Economics class. The class made up of mostly seniors, sewed banners. Most students made the banners with the slogan, "Seniors of 96 Rule."

The parts for the banners were cut from a large white sheet. The banner was then sewn on all four sides with a 3/8" hem. The top side was folded down 3 inches and then sewn again. Ms. Hobbs then issued dowels, thin round sticks approximately 15 inches long to put through this 3" hem. The dowels are used for hanging the banner after completion. Some banners were decorated by sewing on other fabrics, painting, or by using iron ons. After all the students finished their banners, they proudly hung them on Ms. Hobbs bulletin board.

After completing the banners Ms. Hobbs requested that the students bring their own material or use some of her material to start making a pillow. The pillows were cut so they would be 14" by 14". The seam line on the pillows would be 5/8". The fabric was to be placed right sides to each other and then sewn on three sides. On the fourth side the students were told to leave 6" open. The pillow was then turned right side out and stuffed with soft cotton. When the pillow was adequately stuffed, the 6" opening was sewn by hand. The members of the class have spent the past three weeks learning the parts of the sewing machine and how to use it.

Sports Banquet

by **Chris Hinote**
The Zion Chapel Sports Banquet will be held on May 6 in the Zion Chapel auditorium. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. at which time dinner will be served. There will be a guest speaker and then the presentation of awards will begin. All athletes in football, basketball, baseball, and softball and cheerleaders will be honored. Each athlete will be presented an award for participating in sports and special awards will be presented to those with outstanding achievements.

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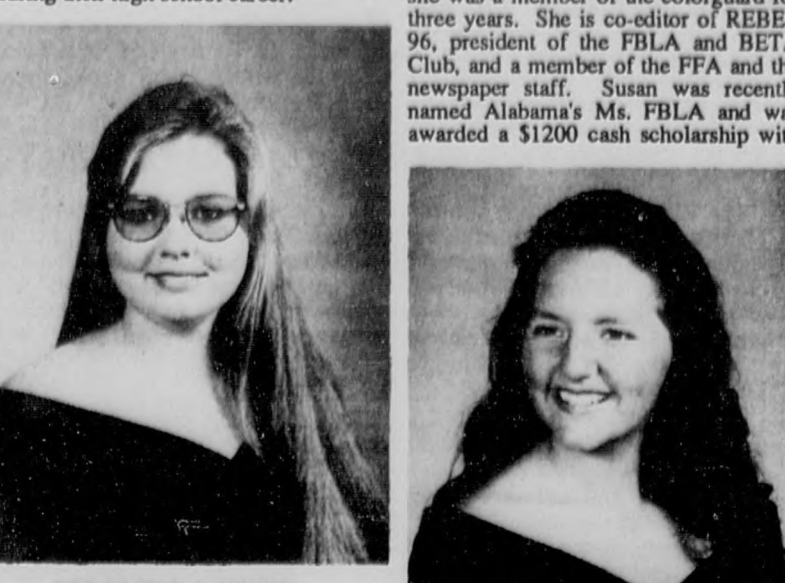
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Valedictorian & Salutatorian

by **Pam Johnson**
Amanda Lynn Lewis was recently named the valedictorian of the class of 1996. The salutatorian is Susan Rachel Bryan. The valedictorian and salutatorian are the two seniors who have maintained the highest grade point average during their high school career.



AMANDA LEWIS

Amanda has been a member of the Zion Chapel student body for the past three years. She is an active member of the girls softball team and the basketball team. She is president of the Science Club and classes editor of REBEL 96. She is also a member of the BETA Club, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), a member of the Future Homemakers of America (FHA), and a member of the newspaper staff. Amanda plans to attend Troy State University in the fall. She is the daughter of Roy Little and Sheila and Donny Hardy.

SUSAN BRYAN

She was also named Who's Who in FBLA for District IV. During her junior year, Susan served as District IV FBLA on the State Leadership Team. She is Zion Chapel's 1996 DAR Good Citizen and is a winner of a FBLA scholarship that she used to attend Presidential Classroom. She was chosen to represent Zion Chapel at Girls State last summer. Susan was awarded the Chancellor's Award by Troy State University and was the daughter of Jimmy and Rachel Bryan.

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Pictured above are (l-r): seated - Sabrina Stokes, Vice President; Shay Nelson, President; Jennifer Jones, Secretary; standing - Celeste Richards, Treasurer.

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Views From... THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It was a busy day, even for a youngster! Melanie had to wake up early last Saturday morning to play in a nine o'clock game as the girl's softball season got underway, then went straight home, took a bath, and got all dolled up to compete in a beauty pageant. After returning home, she quickly got back into shorts and headed out to town to go to a party and later for a trip to a bowling alley. It was enough to tire out even a seven-year-old, but I'll admit that Dad had to make a few threats to get her quiet enough to doze off late Saturday night. Oh well, I guess weekends are supposed to be for the kids!

ELBA TIGERS EXIT EARLY IN CLASS 3A PLAYOFFS

The Elba Tigers closed out the regular season with five wins and were confident about their chances in the Class 3A baseball playoffs, but the Tigers got no luck in the playoff draw and had to host the defending state champion UMS-Wright Bulldogs in the opening round. Elba played well enough at times in the playoff clash to beat most teams on its schedule; however, it wasn't good enough to dethrone the champs, and UMS-Wright escaped with a hard-fought 8-5 win that had the Bulldog fans taking a huge sigh of relief.

UMS-Wright got all the publicity prior to the game and was considered a heavy favorite, and the Bulldogs did pound out 12 hits and hit three home-runs. It needed every single hit, as Elba never backed down from the challenge and had the tying run at the plate when the game ended. The Tigers got big games at the plate from Derek Marler, Leray Smedley and Chris Tyson, as the trio combined for one home-run, one triple and three doubles and three of Elba's runs. Jody Johnson had been unbeaten through the regular season and handcutted 5A Opp on no hits through five innings, but Saturday ran into a team that came to hit the ball, and suffered his first loss.

It was a tough loss for the Tiger seniors to take, especially when they hit the ball well and committed only one error. However, the Tigers never backed down and almost pulled off a big upset against the defending state champs. A loss is never a good way to end the year, but it was a solid year for baseball at Elba High and there can be no doubt that many more solid years are ahead. Good job!

ZION CHAPEL OUSTED IN PLAYOFF OPENER

The Zion Chapel Rebels found out the hard way the difference between being a good team and a very good team Saturday in the opening round of the 1A baseball playoff. They were eliminated by the powerful Maplesville Red Devils 12-1, in Maplesville. The Rebels had their best season ever on the diamond and deserved to be in the playoffs after a late-season surge that included three wins in key Area contests. It was a case of bad luck that put Zion Chapel up against Maplesville, but now the Rebels know first-hand just how good other 1A teams can be and can get back to work to take that next step toward a possible state title. Just a few short years ago the baseball program at Zion Chapel was little more than something for the guys to do after spring training; however, it has now emerged into one of the school's winningest sports, and you have to believe that the best is still yet to come.

"BAT & BALL BLOW-OUT" WAS BIG SUCCESS

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation staged the grand opening of youth baseball and softball last Saturday with a total of 27 baseball and softball games being played at Legion Field and Hawkins-Williams Park, and although there was a winner and loser in every game, it was hard to spot the losers as it looked like almost everyone in attendance had a good time. The players were all decked out in their new uniforms and played hard in all the games, while the bleachers were packed with family and friends that all cheered on their favorite teams and players. It may have been the first annual event, and I'm sure there were some mistakes that occurred, but you can bet there will be a second annual event next year and it should be even bigger and better than the first!

ELBA'S MCKINNON MAKING THE JUMP TO NFL

Former Elba Tiger and UNA football standout Ronald McKinnon has signed a free agent pact with the Arizona Cardinals and is now hard at work trying to make the NFL team in his goal to be a professional football player. McKinnon's lack of height was a key reason the college standout wasn't drafted, but once McKinnon puts on the pads and gets a chance to show what kind of player he is, you can believe he will get the attention of his coaches and fellow pros. Mark my word, McKinnon will be heard from for years to come in the ranks of professional football.

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Tigers ousted in playoff opener 8-5

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Elba spans Bobcats 6-0

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The Tigers jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first on a solo home-run by lead-off batter Leray Smedley, then upped their lead to 2-0 in the second when Eddie Cowen reached on a walk, moved up to second on an error and raced home on an RBI single by Leray Smedley.

Elba's lead went to 3-0 in the third when Chris Tyson led off with a single and scored on an RBI double by Eddie Cowen, and Cowen later came around to score when the Bobcats booted a grounder off the bat of Jason Smith.

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Elba Lady Tigers set for Section tourney

The Elba Lady Tigers will be trying to keep their season alive this weekend when they travel to Hartford to compete in the Class 3A, Section 2 Softball Tournament. Teams competing in the double-elimination tournament include Elba, Luverne, Rehoboth, Houston County, Stocomb and Louisville, with the top two finishers advancing on to Sub-State play next week.

The tentative schedule for the tournament has Houston County meeting Rehoboth at 8:00 a.m., with the winner to oppose Luverne at 9:00. Louisville will meet Stocomb at 8:00 a.m., with Elba set to tangle with the winner at 9:00. The tournament will continue throughout the morning until a winner and runner-up are crowned.

I think we should do all right in the tournament," said Elba's Coach David Collins, "and if the girls show up ready to play we have a real shot at winning the whole thing. The players have shown that they can win when they put forth the effort, and it is up to them, because once the game starts the outcome is in their hands."

"Rehoboth is probably the team to beat," added Coach Collins, "but Elba will meet Stocomb and know they

Elba Lady Tigers split with Brantley

The Elba Lady Tigers traveled to Brantley last Wednesday afternoon and split a double-header with the Brantley Lady Bulldogs to see their record for the season move to 6-5.

The Lady Tigers dropped the opener 5-0, but rallied in the nightcap to claim a 9-6 win.

Following are highlights of both games:

The Lady Tigers pulled away late to sneak past the Skeeters 13-11.

Aubrey Williams scored 3 runs for the Dragons, while Lashonn Robinson, Megan Parrish, Jessica Moultrey and Latoya Tyson all scored twice.

BRANTLEY 5
Elba managed only two hits in the opening game as Brantley coasted to a 5-0 win.

The Lady Tigers failed to get anything going at the plate, while Brantley pulled away late to post the win.

Vaughan Boyd and Bonnie Vaughan got the only Elba hits.

ELBA 9
BRANTLEY 6
Elba pulled ahead early and then held on late to salvage a split of the double-header with a 9-6 win, in the nightcap.

The Lady Tigers combined two hits with two errors to grab a 3-0 lead in the top of the first, then pounded out five hits in the fourth to plate five runs and extend their lead to 8-2. Elba carried a 9-2 lead into the final inning, but had to turn back a late rally to claim the win.

Michelle Lewis, Melissa Grantham, Vaughan Boyd and Bonnie Vaughan all got 2 hits for Elba.

Tennis scholarships up for grabs at ESJC

Enterprise State Junior College will hold tryouts for the ESJC tennis team during the month of May. Tryouts for the women's team will be held on May 7 and May 14, with tryouts for the men's team to be held on May 9 and May 16. All tryouts will be at 3:00 p.m. at the ESJC tennis courts.

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Saddle Hill riding high in men's softball

The Elba Men's Softball League had a busy week of action last week with plenty of runs being scored in every game.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

SADDLE HILL 20
UTILITY TRAILERS 11
The Saddle Hill Arabians used a 10-run second inning to pull ahead and never looked back in a 20-11 win over Utility Trailers.

BRADLEY'S CONST. 16
HAIRPORT/LARRY'S 15
Bradley's Construction spotted Dondy's Hairport/Larry's Spur an early 3-1 lead and then came storming back to post a wild 16-15 win.

T. Watson got 3 hits to spark the Bradley's win, while Ashley Carile and Eddie Crawford all got 3 for Hairport/Larry's.

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BRADLEY'S CONST. 9
The Saddle Hill Arabians rallied with 8 runs in the final three innings to slip past Bradley's Construction 11-9.

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NALLEY'S AUTO. 18
UTILITY TRAILERS 7
Nalley's Automotive scored in every inning to crush Utility Trailers 18-7.

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Stingers explode to score 28 runs in girl's softball

The Elba Girl's Slo-Pitch Softball League opened its season last weekend with a triple-header at Hawkins-Williams Park.

Following are highlights of all three games:

STINGERS 28
RATTLES 3
The Stingers pulled out to a quick 19-1 lead and cruised to a lopsided 28-3 win over the Rattles.

Shawntay Stephens, Tasha Crawford and Deann Smith all scored 4 runs for the Stingers, while Leanna Suiley scored 3 runs. Jessica Moore, Jessica Danford and Shonda Morris scored one run apiece for the Rattles.

DRAGONS 13
SKEETERS 11
The Dragons pulled away late to sneak past the Skeeters 13-11.

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Entry fee is \$110 per team and the deadline to enter is May 15 at 3:00 p.m.

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ELBA PARKS & RECREATION BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SCHEDULES

**** HAWKINS-WILLIAMS PARK ****

MEN'S SOFTBALL

THURSDAY, MAY 2
(Field #3)
7:15 - Elba Blazers vs. Bradley's Construction
8:30 - Dondy's Hairport/Larry's Spur vs. Utility Trailers
(Field #3)
8:30 - Elba Merchants vs. Saddle Hill Arabians
MONDAY, MAY 6
(Field #2)
7:15 - Nalley's Automotive vs. Dondy Trailers
8:30 - Bradley's Construction vs. Dondy's Hairport/Larry's Spur
(Field #2)
8:30 - Utility Trailers vs. Elba Merchants
TUESDAY, MAY 7
(Field #3)
7:15 - Saddle Hill Arabians vs. Nalley's Automotive
8:30 - Dondy Trailers vs. Elba Blazers
(Field #2)
8:30 - Dondy's Hairport/Larry's Spur vs. Elba Merchants

COACH-PITCH BASEBALL

(All games on Field #1)
THURSDAY, MAY 2
6:00 - Pirates vs. Cardinals

MONDAY, MAY 6
6:00 - Brewers vs. Cubs

TUESDAY, MAY 7
6:00 - Pirates vs. Yankees

TEE-BALL BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

(All games on Field #3)
THURSDAY, MAY 2
6:00 - Giants vs. Phillies

MONDAY, MAY 6
6:00 - Angels vs. Red Sox

TUESDAY, MAY 7
6:00 - Royals vs. Giants

GIRL'S COACH-PITCH SOFTBALL

(All games on Field #2)
THURSDAY, MAY 2
6:00 - Fighting Ducks vs. Sharks

MONDAY, MAY 6
6:00 - Fighting Ducks vs. Dolphins

TUESDAY, MAY 7
6:00 - Gators vs. River Cats

GIRL'S SLO-PITCH SOFTBALL
(All games on Field #2)
THURSDAY, MAY 2
(Field #2)
7:15 - Skeeters vs. Rockets

MONDAY, MAY 6
(Field #2)
7:15 - Skeeters vs. Stingers
(Field #1)
7:15 - Dragons vs. Rockets

TUESDAY, MAY 7
(Field #2)
7:15 - Rattles vs. Stingers
(Field #1)
7:15 - Dragons vs. Skeeters

**** LEGION FIELD ****

DIXIE YOUTH & DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL

THURSDAY, MAY 2
6:00 - Blue Jays vs. Twins
7:45 - Rockies vs. Braves

FRIDAY, MAY 3
6:00 - White Sox vs. Twins
7:45 - Cardinals vs. Expos

MONDAY, MAY 6
6:00 - Twins vs. Expos
7:45 - Phillies vs. Braves

TUESDAY, MAY 7
6:00 - Dodgers vs. Brewers
7:45 - Blue Jays vs. Orioles

BABE RUTH BASEBALL
THURSDAY, MAY 2
7:00 - Marlins vs. Marlins

FRIDAY, MAY 3
6:00 - Pirates vs. Marlins
8:00 - Rangers vs. Astros

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COURT

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State of Alabama
vs.
William O. Martin
The defendant is charged with felony DUI and driving while revoked. Disposition of case unavailable.

State of Alabama
vs.
Willie James Daniels
He faces the charges of rape in the first degree and assault in the first degree. Disposition of case unavailable.

State of Alabama
vs.
Robert M. McDonald
McDonald is charged with sexual abuse in the second degree. Disposition of case unavailable.

State of Alabama
vs.
Kenneth Jackson
He is charged with burglary in the third degree and theft in the first degree. Trial date set for May 2, 1996.

State of Alabama
vs.
Jason Lee
Lee faces two counts of theft in the first degree, and one count of theft in the second degree. Granted

YO (Youthful Offender) status.
State of Alabama
vs.
Michelle Daugherty
She is charged with theft in the second degree. Disposition of case unavailable.

State of Alabama
vs.
Jay Pruitt
Pruitt is charged with the offense of DUI-Felony. Granted continuance.

State of Alabama
vs.
Shelly Cunningham
She is charged with DUI-Felony. Disposition of case unavailable.

RACE

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educational system is one of the crucial issues facing education today. "We must do whatever it takes to insure a safe, drug free, violence free environment, that is needed to insure effective teaching, and to maximize the learning potential for all students," said English.

"The lack of adequate funding to keep up with the ever-growing changes in today's world is also a major concern facing education," stated English.

"I purchased an abandoned building in downtown Elba with the idea of turning it into a business, and overcame all odds, including the 1990 flood, to reach that goal.

"Today, the building houses two industries and has created jobs for area residents. As a board member, I will never be satisfied with what we might have, but will always look to the future and for ways to insure that our teachers and students have the very best educational tools available."

English stated, "As a teacher and business, I have never backed away from any task. While teaching, I built lockers for students when funds were not available to purchase them, poured concrete sidewalks so students and teachers could change classes without walking in mud, and initiated school projects that resulted in possible scholarships for those involved.

"When things need to be done, I have always rolled up my sleeves and worked to get things done. I will continue that work ethic as a board member."

"When elected to the board of education from District 1, I will listen to everyone in District 1 and all the citizens of the county," said English. "I plan to hold town meetings monthly to listen to the concerns of the students, teachers, parents, and concerned citizens.

"I believe everyone is important and should play an active role in the education of our children, and I will

represent all the citizens of District 1 and always reflect their wishes on matters presented to the board."

English concluded, "I will not let the tail wag the dog! I believe that it is the responsibility of the members of the board of education to make decisions and to make certain those decisions are carried out by the superintendent. A superintendent works for the board and should answer to the citizens of the county."

He continued, "As a member of the board, I will never abstain from voting on any issue. I will be heard and I will speak for the citizens of District 1."

"With their help, we will make the best decisions for all the educational family in Coffee County, and work toward making our schools the best they can possibly be as we head into the next century."

English is married to the former Patsy Kner, of Gantt, and they have two children, Jennifer, age 19, and Kyle, age 11.

He is the owner of English Diversified Products, a former president of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, is active in numerous civic activities, and serves as a volunteer coach in youth sports.

Alabama State Trooper & Trooper Cadet sign-up announced

Applications for the next examination for state trooper and state trooper cadet will be accepted May 9-12 at six locations throughout Alabama.

Prospective trooper and trooper cadet applicants, including those who have previously submitted an application must apply in person during the sign-up period in order to be eligible to take the examination.

Sign-up sites will be open from 10:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. through 8:00 p.m. daily during the sign-up period at the following locations:

Birmingham - State Highway Department, Auditorium, 1020-B Bankhead Highway West
Decatur - Lurleen B. Wallace Development Center, 4100 U.S. 31 South, Administrative Bldg., Conference Rm. 19
Dothan - State Trooper Post, 5679 Montgomery Highway
Jacksonville - Ft. John H. Pomey National Guard Armory, 1655 South Pelham
Mobile - Ft. Whiting National Guard Armory, 1630 South Broad St.
Montgomery - Ed Teague Arena at Garrett Coliseum, 1555 Federal Dr.

Information about the test and test dates will be provided to applicants who file applications as described above.

Trooper applicants must be age 21 or older and possess a valid driver's license issued by the Alabama Department of Public Safety at the time of appointment.

Trooper cadet applicants must be at least 18 years of age and not over 21 years of age and possess a valid driver's license issued by the Alabama Department of Public Safety at the time of appointment.

Qualifications needed to apply include a high school diploma or GED and U.S. citizenship. However, high school seniors may apply and will be allowed to take the examination for trooper cadet.

For more information, contact your local employment office or the State Personnel Department at (334)242-3389.

AU Winter Quarter Dean's List

Auburn University's deans recently announced the students from their respective colleges and schools with exceptional grades for winter quarter. Local honored students are:

Joseph E. Jacobs, liberal arts, and Stacey L. Knight, pharmacy, both of Elba, AL.

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CITY

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ness prospect with the potential of 20-25 employees in the near future and the long range employment numbers are unlimited. We appreciate you working with us and the confidence you have shown in our board and the work we are doing."

Mickey Driggers, a principal of Worth Tent (which will occupy the remodeled building), explained they were ready to move forward with their building improvements immediately. A contractor is standing by to make the necessary modifications as soon as the lease-purchase agreement has been signed with the Industrial Board and other legal requirements met.

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MISS ELBA CONTESTANTS...pictured above (l-r): Ashley Laney, Jennifer Eiland, and Destiny Brown.



JUNIOR MISS ELBA CONTESTANTS...are pictured above. They are (l-r): front row - Brandi Harrison, Misty Kelley, Elizabeth Stephens, and Deionne Flowers; back row - Racanne McCollough, Leslie Stinson, Chery Grantham, Laura Crowe, Vaughan Boyd, Kendra Vaughan, and Melissa



READING TO THE CHILDREN...Pictured above are the children of Elba Head Start as they ended the week-long celebration of the Week of the Young Child. They were visited by Walter R. Beyer, III, Walter Beyer, IV, and Gene Barksdale from a local chapter of the Alabama Kiwanis Club. Through the sponsorship of Jean Dean Rife/Alabama Kiwanis, they were able to present each child with a book.

"Earning By Learning 1996" reading program to begin June 10th

The Coffee County "Earning By Learning - Summer Reading Program" is patterned after a successful national reading program. The program encourages children to read by providing a reward system of \$2.00 per book read.

To earn the \$2.00 per book, the child must select a book from an approved reading list, write a book report and give an oral report to an adult volunteer. This system ensures the child has read and understands the book. (Limit 3 books per child per week.)

The Coffee County program will be held for a six week period starting the week of June 10, 1996 at the following locations:

Monday, 2:00-3:00 p.m., Elba Public Library; Tuesday, 1:00-2:00 p.m., New Brockton Elementary School Library; Wednesday, 2:00-3:00 p.m., Kinston City Hall; Thursday, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Enterprise Public Library.

*No sessions at any location the week of July 4.

Children who will be attending grades 2-5 in the fall of 1996 are eligible for the program.

Adult volunteers will be needed at each site to hear oral book reports. Parental permission is required. Registration forms can be obtained from each school in the county. Registration deadline is May 10, 1996.

The Coffee County program is funded by local donations. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law and may be sent to: Human Resource Development Corporation, P.O. Box 1417, Enterprise, AL 36331.

For more information contact Elaine Roberts at 347-0881, ext. 34; Mary Harris at 894-5482; or Dr. Craig Howell at 393-4425.

Spring Bluegrass Festival to be held May 2-4

The Spring Bluegrass Festival, May 2-4, and Fall Bluegrass Festival, Sept. 5-7, at Crossroad's Music Park, County Road 1094, in Henry County, features all gospel Thursday and all bluegrass Friday and Saturday. Thursday night gospel groups include: The Believers of Enterprise, AL; The Revelations of Columbia, AL; and Boundless Love of Ozark, AL, with all shows set from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Bands will include Bill Grant and Delia Bell, Hugo, OK; Cedar Creek, Lynn Haven, FL; Stump Water, Mobile; The Changing Times, Radcliff, KY; The Larkin Family, Church Hill, TN; and The P.C. Music Makers, Panama City, FL. Food, concessions and bag ice are available. Bring lawn chairs. Times are: Thursday, 7:00-10:00 p.m.; Friday, 4:30-11:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 1:30-11:00 p.m. Children under 12 are admitted free with parents. To get to the festival from Dothan, take 431 North, go eight miles to second traffic light, turn right onto Hwy. 99, go six miles to Tumbleton, turn right onto Hwy. 1094, go to fourth crossroads and turn right. The park is about 500 feet down the road on right. Phone (334) 585-6597 or 585-2196.

Elba City Schools celebrate Public School Week

Elba's Mayor, City Council, and Board of Education joined the administration, staff, and students of Elba Elementary School on April 24, 1996 to celebrate "Public School Week" in Elba. School officials were pleased to have 100% attendance from our locally elected officials and school board members. The entire group had lunch with the staff and students and shared in the ceremony of officially proclaiming Public School Week in Elba.

Mayor Ricky Haywood read and signed the resolution proclaiming the event. Local Superintendent of Education, Charles Pearce, thanked the group for their support in the past and assured the challenge for future support. "Never before have public schools needed the support and involvement of local leaders, the general public, and especially parents. We must help if we are to be charged with the responsibility of teaching the three 'R's', teaching morals, building character, and providing a safe, secure environment to learn. Teaching our children is the responsibility of all," said Pearce.

GRANDPARENTS DAY
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Grandchildren in grades K-6
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NEW BROCKTON ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLLS

"B" Honor Roll

First Grade
Zach Strickland, Ben Patterson, Jason Wainwright, Anita Holloway, Joseph McGary, Brandon Griswold, Britney Allen, Joshua Massey, Vanna Marshall, Ben Parrish, Meaghan Gudish, Ashley Tidwell, Nicholas Rios, Stevie Speigner, Jayson Hearold, Justin Corbett, Bon Deaderick, Paige Moore, Jesse Senn, Luke Simmons, Tori Stone, Chastity Wood.

Second Grade

Ashley Flowers, Emily Hardiman, Steven Hines, Hilary Mock, Justin Allums, Rashard Andrews, Amber Bryan, Anna Bryant, Ashlie Caylor, Whitney Donaldson, Matthew Falst, Aaron Hamlett, Samantha Merritt, John Sawyer, Georgia Smith, Trist Terry, Katie Richardson, Chelsea Wood, Bradley Nichols, Andrew Holloway, Whitney Mack, Jessica Fuller, Kassey Brust, Chad Anderson, Josh Allums, Stacy Costner.

Third Grade

Megan Cauley, Rheana Deaderick, Nichole Estes, Wesley McCormick, Amber Ogburn, Whitney Rachel, Rebecca Richards, Ashley Williams, Shawn Brown, Danielle Hines, Jennifer Howell, Tamara McIvlin, Tanner Medley, Brett Parrish, Wesley Talton, Deanna Donaldson, Drew Donaldson, Matthew Everhart, Sonja Hornsby, Dawn Jenkins, Ashley Massey, Betsy Howell.

Fourth Grade

Andy Waddall, Tyler Simmons, Alicia Howell, Andrew Fales, Amanda Estrada, Bryan Allums, Jennifer Anderson, Megan Holloway, Chelsey Hollis, Gary Henderson, Andrew Hardiman, Layton Griffin, Heather Carroll.

Fifth Grade

Daniel Hernandez, Delora Moore, Wendy Heaslip, Joseph Sawyer, Kyle English, Jody McCormick, Melanie McGlothern.

Sixth Grade

Leslie Allison, Alicia Coslett, Jenna Donaldson, Ashley Green, Mack, Tabatha Walden, Hollis Watkins, Lauren Allums, Veronica Hernandez, Philip Rice.

"A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade

Justin Williams, Ashley Stanford, Johnathan McNeil, Emanuel Magwood, Joshua Badger, Keith Evans, Andrea Profit, Jacqueline Cardwell, Brandon Sims, Seth Brown, Heath Hollis, Raymond Root, Will Sims.

Second Grade

Derrick Bandy, Sabrina Beckworth, Eden Bundy, Russell Burwell, Matthew Chint, Jennifer Hilyer, Jason Holloway, Amber Hood, Robyn Martin, Jo Ann Robinson, Brad Sevel, Mark Windham, Clint Barley, Heather Brown, Ted Eubanks, Josh Kinsaut, Aubrey McGary, Daniel Roberts, Brooke Anderson, Jon Camley, Stephanie Curran, Jennifer Downing, Justin Edwards, Trista Harbuck, Chris McMahan, Ashley Senn, Emily Smith, Tiffany Smith, B. J. Williams, Jeremy Windham, Blake Wood, Bobbie Jo Bullard, Jessica Eubanks, Heather Harbuck, Jeffery Rogers, Stephanie Tindol.

Third Grade

Brandon Dalrymple, Anthony Fernandez, Candace Harbuck, Blake Hirsch, Dena Howell, B. J. Perry, Jessica Robinson, Lee Rogers, Briley Cope, Matthew Croch, John Hanna, Freda Kelley, Jessica Phillips, Lori Wade, Amber Adams, Sheron Eaton, Yameka Hall, Allen Hermon, Josh Long, Marissa Loman, Daniel Parker, Merisa Rogers, Mat-Carroll.

Fourth Grade

Sierra Hussey.

Fifth Grade

Jeremy Anderson, Connie Brown, Katy Gifford, Jonathan Hart, Breanna McKenzie, Dusty Medley, Christina Rice, Amy Tindol, Casey Carmichael, Wendy Driggers, Rachel Bandy, Richard Fernandez, Marisa Henderson, Chris Hirsch, Stephanie Jones, Ronita Lawson, Brandy Mitchell, Hannah Mixson, Brant, Vicki Baskley, Randy Danford, Jason Flowers, Kelli Green, Krysti Senn, Patsy Smith, Echo Wraithford.

Sixth Grade

Demetrius Foster, Zach Gifford, Devin Kelley, Cassidy Kerrigan, Ryan Kinsaut, Aubrey McGary, Daniel Roberts, Brooke Anderson, Jon Camley, Stephanie Curran, Jennifer Downing, Justin Edwards, Trista Harbuck, Chris McMahan, Ashley Senn, Emily Smith, Tiffany Smith, B. J. Williams, Jeremy Windham, Blake Wood, Bobbie Jo Bullard, Jessica Eubanks, Heather Harbuck, Jeffery Rogers, Stephanie Tindol.

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